

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of April 30 - May 4, 2007**

- 1. Streetlight Improvements (Ward 1):** The decorative lights in Old Town will be undergoing a change to produce more light. The project began this week and will be completed next week. The results should be brighter and whiter light from the decorative poles. *(Public Works)*
- 2. Officers in Meetings and Interviews:** On May 2, Chief Ricucci met with members of the Old Town Residents Association to conduct a walking tour of their neighborhoods. Today, the Chief met with the owner of T.J's liquor store, 7679 New Hampshire Avenue to discuss the Agency's concern with excessive public drunkenness in the Takoma Langley Crossroads area. On May 2, Det. Conrad attended a local area auto theft meeting at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington D.C. Also on May 2, Mary Kendall facilitated CSAFE's bi-monthly Heightened Enforcement Accountability and Treatment (HEAT) Team meeting. Attendees discussed crime related issues and parole & probation cases in and around the Takoma Langley Crossroads. *(Police)*
- 3 Officers in Training and Exercises:** On Thursday, April 26, Capt. Coursey attended an exercise activation of the Montgomery County Emergency Operation Center (EOC) as a representative of the City of Takoma Park. The exercise was part of a National Capital Region table top exercise on hurricane readiness, response, and mitigation. All of the EOCs in the region participated in the event. The activity centered around the establishment of lines of communication that would be necessary for continued and effective governmental communications during the handling of a severe weather event. For Takoma Park local response, communications were tested from the Montgomery County EOC to Chief Ricucci and Acting City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, as well as with our police communications office. From May 1 to 3, A/Sgt Poole, Cpl. Smith and Gretchen Hillburger attended the CSAFE Academy in Sykesville, Maryland. Also, Cpl. Rodriguez attended a Street Crimes School sponsored by John B. Reid & Associates at Montgomery County Park Police Headquarters. *(Police)*
- 4. Enforcement - Crime Reduction Initiative and Traffic (Ward 6):**
 - The Criminal Investigations and Patrol Divisions conducted a crime reduction initiative in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue which, as of May 2, resulted in 32 Field Interview Reports, one arrest for Controlled Dangerous Substance Paraphernalia, one outstanding warrant arrest and two vehicle impounds.
 - Officers conducted at least 69 traffic stops this week, 63 of which ended in written citations. One impound also resulted from these stops. More than half of the stops were made on New Hampshire Avenue and the surrounding feeder streets due to an on-going crime reduction initiative. *(Police)*
- 5. Main Street Clean-Up Day a success (Wards 1 & 3):** Thirty-two dedicated and hard working volunteers assisted the Main Street Design Committee in beautifying Old Takoma from Takoma Junction in Maryland to 4th Street in the District of Columbia. Participants laid down 77 bags of mulch, planted over \$700 worth of plants, plus many donated plants, and collected over 50 bags of trash and recyclable plant material. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 6. Favorite Poem:** About 40 people attended the 9th Annual Favorite Poem Evening at the Library on Thursday, April 26th. Approximately 17 participants, including State

Senator Jamie Raskin and his wife Sarah Bloom Raskin, read poems at the event which was hosted by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Don Berger. Refreshments were provided through the Friends of the Library. *(Library)*

7. **Useful Computer:** Library staff from Falls Church visited the Library on April 30 to learn more about the Useful Discover Station turnkey system used on the public computers in the Library and Learning Center. Falls Church is interested in adopting the system in their own library. *(Library)*

8. **Visitors from St. Luke:** More than 70 preschoolers from St. Luke's School visited the Library on April 25th and 26th for storytelling and book-oriented activities. *(Library)*

9. **A Special Program:** The Library held a "Bedtime Story Hour" on April 30. About a dozen children wore pajamas and brought stuffed toys and blankets to this special storytelling program. *(Library)*

10. **Afternoon Addition:** On Friday, April 27, the Afternoon Addition competed against Morgan Daycare in their annual spring basketball game. Both teams practiced hard and played well. The game was won in the final seconds when Morgan Daycare scored two baskets to take control. *(Recreation)*

11. **Patricia Powell Honored as Tenant Advocate (Ward 5):** Tenant Advocate Patricia Powell, organizer and President of the 641 Houston Avenue Tenant Association, was honored at the recent Tenant Association Summit held on April 21, 2007. Pat played a key role in the eventual purchase of the 28-unit property by Montgomery Housing Partnership, a local non-profit housing organization. Instead of becoming market rate condominiums as the previous owner wanted, MHP will now keep the facility with affordable rental units. Pat also has worked extensively in the last couple of years on proposed changes to the state Condominium Conversion laws. Tenants interested in forming a tenant association can contact Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. **The HSIC Committee:** The City's Health Services Impact Committee held a public meeting on May 1, 2007 regarding the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital. President Jere Stocks presented to the group. This meeting was cablecast live on City TV 13 and will be replayed: Monday, May 7th: 11 AM; Tuesday, May 15th: 1 PM and 9 PM; Wednesday, May 16th: 7 AM; Thursday, May 31, 1 PM and 11 PM. It will also be available for viewing on the City website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/cable. *(CityTV)*